

Project Update: July 2016

The first field component of our research on Micronesian megapodes in Palau began on 25th January 2016 and drew to a close almost 3 months later on 4th April. All field research focused on megapodes in the Rock Islands Southern Lagoon Conservation Area and boat transportation was facilitated by our collaborators the Koror State Government Rangers. During our research, we successfully engaged the Palau community and government in conservation and monitoring of megapodes, collected habitat data at 24 incubation mounds and 24 randomly chosen sites, and acquired accurate differential GPS locations for 137 mounds. Our next phase is to return to Palau for 3 more months starting early November 2016 to continue collecting habitat data and locations of mounds, investigate megapode foraging habitat use, and establish rat survey transects to assess rodent densities in the Rock Islands



Micronesian megapode being banded by Paul Radley.